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EDITOR'S CORNER

The Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. during its February 1982 meetings has decided to exclude anyone who is not an active member of GNIE from running for the only office which is openly voted upon by our community, that of Empress or Emperor of Sacramento.

Our community has approximately a month and a half until it elects the Empress and Emperor for 1982. During these next six weeks you will see the candidates campaigning, stimulating community interest and asking for your vote. But who are the candidates? GNIE has decided that one of the criteria for candidacy is "to have been an active member of GNIE (in good standing) for six (6) months prior to attaining office." Active member in good standing is one who has not missed three meetings nor is delinquent in their dues. The candidates who will be campaigning soon will come from a group of twelve eligible GNIE members and five of them have already had the office.

This exclusion of community members from a position which represents them and requests their support is adverse to my idea of community involvement. While I was HIM V, Emperor of Sacramento, with the help of the Empress I served with, I tried to initiate ideas that would involve GNIE in the community. I could not see the organization growing without the fresh ideas that new members bring with them. I also couldn't see new membership without opening the organization to the community. I define an open organization as one which allows someone from the community to effect a change in the leadership or by becoming a leader. My contention was and still is: if we want to serve and involve our community, how can we exclude worthy people from running for Empress or Emperor? As a past Emperor, I see this exclusion detrimental to the growth of our organization.

There have been various reasons given why candidacy should remain within the membership. I have agreed with many of these at first but after giving them some thought they still have not justified the exclusion of outside people.

Members of GNIE do not feel it is fair for a member who has worked within the organization for six months or more to compete against someone from the community who has not put in the same amount of time or effort. Does putting in time and/or effort make a good Empress or Emperor? Is putting in time and effort into other community ventures going to be disregarded? If so, then establish a seniority and promotional system within the organization so a person can work their way to the office of Empress or Emperor.

It is felt that opening candidacy to non-members might allow someone the avenue to destroy the organization. Can closing leadership off from the outside keep an organization safe from this? I have seen too many times members try to damage an organization from the inside. A strong and diverse membership is what keeps the organization secure from damaging influences.

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EDITORIAL (Cont) . . .

Knowledge of the organization is felt to be an important requirement for candidacy. Yet there are members of GNIE who are eligible to run for Empress or Emperor who have asked at meetings what does the organization do and stand for. Would not a conscientious candidate learn as much as possible about an organization and position which they are campaigning for? As campaigning candidates, they are going to be expected to explain to the community what the organization is and what they want to do with the office. The knowledge would have to be there or the community would carry the blame for electing a person who knows nothing about GNIE.

They say that most organizations nominate their own members for leadership positions. True, but these other organizations do not claim to represent nor involve the community in their elections. They vote within their own membership.

If GNIE wants to be like other organizations, let it nominate the candidates on seniority or knowledge of the organization and let the membership vote on the candidates. Don't bother the community with a campaign for which they have no initial choice. Just invite the community to celebrate with the membership of GNIE the Coronation of the new officers.

Bob Moore

THE BIG PARADE

On February 18, 1982 at 7:30 p.m., the fourth meeting of the Gay Pride Committee was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Sloan. Twelve (MEN ONLY) people were present.

June 5, 1982 has been set aside for the Parade and Rally, which will assemble at the traffic circle in front of the Capital and the rally to assemble on the west steps.

A proposed theme this year is "Justice for All . . . A Human Rights Parade and Celebration" sponsored by Sacramento's Gay/Lesbian Communities. Other topics discussed were fund raising and committee organizations. These subjects to be discussed more in-depth at the next meeting to be held at the Incredible Edible, 1401 Alhambra Blvd. on March 18, 1982, 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend and participate. Volunteers are greatly needed.

For additional information please contact Jerry Sloan at 381-3115 or send inquiries to Kevin Cohee, in care of the River City Rambler, P.O. Box 160877, Sacramento, CA 95816.

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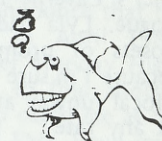
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TID BITS

Welcome to Spring 1982. I'm sure everyone will rush out and buy or build a kite in hopes of running into a kite flyer like we have on the front cover of this month's mag. Dexter— if that's from your heart I would love to see your fantasies I understand more of Dexter Smith's works are up-coming. Look at the cartoons by Dexter this month

It appears we have some new bright and beautiful talents ascending right here in River City other than Bobbette who just happened to give us the entire score of "Let Me Entertain You" one afternoon at the Mercantile. Now is that any way for Liz Taylor's twin to be carrying on? Had a fabulous time at Mt. Mike's last gay night with Sister Katherine, Rose, Louise B., Missy, and a new talent to our town, coming up fast, was Lyla from Beverly Hills. Now that was a treat for sore eyes. While Louise Bellmont was disco'n and look'n good, Missy was walking to disco backed up by Tony with tray in hand keeping the rhythm. Sister K was quick, clear and concise in her seminar entitled: "Interpreation of Personal Want Ads from Publications such as the Advocate Etc." A most definitive explanation, Sister. Rosa delivered a well thought out presentation on plastics. I'm sure we know from whom the information was derived. Lyla was just a slice of heaven! Precious . . . she made Cher's Laverne look like someone off the cover of Vogue. Lyla had obviously spent some time in the closets of prominent royal somethings or others because I'm sure I have seen that outfit walking down a local runway at either an incoming or an outgoing. At any rate . . . Lyla was insistent on telling us why she didn't like the idea of the new Brooke Shields look. Here is this angelic teenager with eyebrows glued to the floor and her ass in the air. I understand that Lyla and Rosa will do a little gig on St. Patrick's Day at Club 21. Hope so. Sister K. too!

Moving right along . . . Michael L. You didn't hurt yourself on your trip did you? I'm just glad Anna was

there to pick you up. Can any of you possibly imagine the bartenders at the Club 21 being anything but true to us the customer, saving themselves for none other than us? Well, forget it. Ask Johnny why it was so necessary to be toying with Dean whilst changing musical tapes. Precious!!

What's this I hear that Barbara Disney questioned Shirley of the Mustang Club de Modesto as to where she would sleep one evening? Now Shirley . . . not to worry. You always have a place with us. Congrats on your 18th year at the Mustang. We are glad to see you have recovered so well from the eye surgery.

Shawn . . . remember one thing. You are grand, no matter what that jerk said to you.

I'm always amazed by organizations who claim to be community minded and ask members to be present at local functions. Yet none of us have seen any organization reps at community events of late. I wonder why? No one to wave to, I guess.

Have you all heard about Opal's new boutique opening up one door from the Club 21? Many lovely surprises I understand. Do get in touch Opal, and let us know what's happening. I have but one question however. Isn't it difficult framing in a doorway hammering away, while in the first position?

On the events side: Saturday afternoon after softball tryouts, there just happened to be a couple of the 'in' teamers having a cocktail at the Merc under the leadership of Don Souza who was busy showing off his athletic supporter which he claimed belonged to Anna, who claimed it was Mod's who said she couldn't wear one, etc., etc. Bob Weaver was being busy up and down trying to keep Anna from showing everyone her new jock. During this culmination of Sacto Macho (precious), pretty bearded Bob was sitting with his usual half smile watching Jay Montgomery do warm-up exercises at the table. But the best part . . . who should be there displaying the best look'n legs this side of heaven (well perhaps next to Gary's) but the hottest little guy in the whole wide world of the Club 21. None other than our own Rod. Sure anxious to see him hit a few balls this season.

After the display of Softball America who to our wandering eyes should appear but our very own new columnist Peggy Marie of "Peggy Marie's Institute of Waveology." During the next few months we are in store for Peggy Marie's expertise on waving with gloved hands while wearing one pair of the four basic gloves: afternoon gloves (wrist length); cocktail gloves (mid forearm); evening gloves (elbow length); and of course, the opera length (up to the pits). Should prove interesting. Waving right along . . .

Who in the world do you know that would run from Chapel after Vespers (leaving the door open) to run to the Wreck Room, fall to her knees by the pool table to give daily devotion and not realizing that she

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SPORTS RAP



by Rich Wilkes

SOFTBALL

Okay, it's not very long now before the softball season starts. The teams are about set but they still are having try-outs. So it's not too late if you want to come out and participate on one of the teams.

The Parking Lot team will continue try-outs every Saturday through March. For time and locations call either Don Souza at 446-2473 or Bob Weaver at 372-7683.

The Wreck Room Stars are having try-outs on Saturdays through March and right up to the season opener. For time and locations of the Stars try-outs check the bulletin board at the Wreck Room, or your favorite bar.

The season opener for the GSL is on the 18th of April at Lang Field in San Francisco, and the two teams have yet to be chosen. Regular season plays begin the following weekend. The Gay Softball League has two divisions for the 1982 season. The Cable Car Division is made up of teams from Cafe San Marcos, Kokpit, On the Mark, Pilsner Inn, Tara Travel, and Vagabond. The Barbary Coast Division has both the Parking Lot and the Wreck Room Stars along with teams from the Fickle Fox, Pendulum, Phone Booth, Moby Dick and the Stallion.

POOL TOURNAMENT

That's right. Every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. the Wreck Room will be having a pool tournament. So all of you players chalk up your cues and go on out and give it a shot.

BOWLING

Here are the standings for both the Sunday Swingers and the River City Bowlers as of the week of February 28th:

SUNDAY SWINGERS

1. The Sly 5	22 - 6
2. Good Luck Gang	21 - 7
3. Even If It's Wrong	18 - 10
4. Tally Wackers	17 - 11
5. Wreck 'In Ballers	16 1/2 - 11 1/2
6. Unnamed	15 - 13
7. Hellraisers	12 - 16
8. Baabs	12 - 16
9. G I G's	11 1/2 - 16 1/2
10. No Splits, Please	11 - 17
11. Rolling Pins	10 1/2 - 17 1/2
12. Head Pins	10 - 18
13. McKinley Park South	10 - 18
14. Bushwackers	9 1/2 - 18 1/2

RIVER CITY BOWLERS

A DIVISION

1. Easy Pickups	16 - 8
2. Kissin Cousins	15 - 9
3. Spare Parts	13 - 11
4. Noi Donna	13 - 11
5. Village People	13 - 11
6. Spin-Offs	12 - 12
7. The City	9 - 15
8. Merkettes	9 - 15

B DIVISION

1. Family	21 - 3
2. Spectrum 5	18 - 6
3. Four Hits & A Miss	16 1/2 - 7 1/2
4. Donkey Kongs	15 - 9
5. 49ers	11 - 13
6. Liberty's Lovlies	6 - 18
7. All American Boys	3 1/2 - 20 1/2

C DIVISION

1. Goldstrickers	15 1/2 - 8 1/2
2. GBG Bus. Forms	15 - 9
3. Dizzy Bees	14 - 10
4. Parking Lot	13 - 11
5. Village People	12 1/2 - 12 1/2
6. Pegasus	12 - 12
7. Splitting Headaches	11 - 13

D DIVISION

1. All Mixed Up	18 - 6
2. Damifino	14 - 10
3. Flashback	13 - 11
4. Holy Rollers	13 - 11
5. Wreck Room Rollers	11 - 13
6. Mod Squad	11 - 13
7. It's About Time	9 - 15
8. Dorothy's Flippers	7 - 17

VOLLEYBALL

Don't forget that on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sacramento City College Women's Gym, Our River City Family invites everybody out to play volleyball. There are three courts available so there is plenty of room for anyone who wants to play.

Speaking of wanting to play, anyone who is interested in trying out for the Sacramento volleyball team to play in the Gay Olympics should be at the SCC Women's Gym on Tuesday, March 16, 23 and 30th at 7:00 p.m. The team will be selected from those showing up for the tryouts.

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Dear Summer League Bowlers:

It is to my regret that I must announce that the Alhambra Bowl will be closing in April 1982. Therefore we have lost our summer Monday Night League. If you would like to try to find another house for a summer league, you can catch me at the Sunday Afternoon League at Land Park Bowl from noon to approximately 3:00 p.m. Before I try to get a contract for a league I need to know the night and how many teams would be interested.

Sincerely,

— Digette McAlister

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BUTCH & NELLIE

For their March assignment, Butch & Nellie were transported to Limerick, a county and city in Ireland to cover the world wide Limerick Contest. Since this event occurs annually around St. Patrick's Day the Rambler felt it not only topical but a different entertainment feature.

For those who are not familiar with what a limerick is all about, here is the definition. A limerick is a nonsense poem, consisting of five lines, of which the first, second, and fifth rhyme. The third and fourth also rhyme, but differ from the other three. As An example:

There was a young man of Rangoon
Whose farts could be heard to the moon
When least you'd expect 'em
They'd burst from his rectum
With the force of a raging typhoon.

The contest was divided into several categories. Butch submitted an entry in the category of buggery and took third place. His limerick went like this:

There was a young pansy named Gene
Who cruised a sadistic Marine
Said the man with a smirk,
As they got down to work

"In this game the Jack beats the Queen!"

The winner in the buggery category was as follows:

There once was a well-groomed young nance
Who responded to every advance
But rather than strip
He let anything slip

Through a hole in the seat of his pants.

Second place went like this:

I'll do it for Art — I'm no prude!
He said, as he posed in the nude.
But on viewing his ass,
The whole fairy class
Decided it ought to be screwed.

Nellie also made a contribution in the Motherhood category and the Rambler is proud to announce that Nellie took second place:

There was a young girl who begat
Three brats by name Nat, Pat and Tat.
It was fun in the breeding
But hell in the feeding,

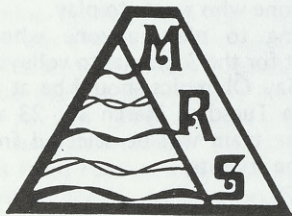
When she found there was no tit for Tat!

The winning entry stated:

There was a young lady of Wantage
Of whom the town clerk took advantage.

Said the county surveyor,
"Of course you must pay her,
You've altered the line of her frontage."

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NUGGETS OF NOSTALGIA

by Walt Preston



Well, my dears, the Ides of March are upon us again. March 15, 44 B.C., as you all know, marks the 2026th anniversary of the death of Pro-Consul Julius Caesar at the hands of his ex-lover Brutus. I'm here to tell you, my dears, that those Roman guys played rough in those days.

Honestly, I just love March! This month DOES have something for everyone: absolutely marvelous!

For those of you interested in birds, be sure to mark March 19 on your calendars. On that date the swallows return to San Juan Capistrano Mission. For the rest of us, be sure to carry an umbrella.

For those of you looking up through the rain of swallow droppings to the stars, you will want to note March 21 as the Vernal Equinox— No, sillies. It's NOT a sexually transmitted private disease or a special sale at Harvey Thompson's. On March 22, the Sun enters the House of Aires, Prince of the Zodiac. I'll let YOU guess why.

For those of us into mythology (the stories about all those hot hunky Greek Gods), there are three special dates to remember: March 17 is the Feast Day of Dionysus. He's the God of Wine, born, so the legend goes, unilaterally by Zeus, the Father of the Gods and Men. If you recall Zeus' gay romance with Ganymede, we can but wonder where and how Dionysus came to be. The modern name of Dennis comes from Dionysus. Our leathermen and bikertypes will want to note March 18, the Festival Day of Mars, the War God. The women will want to celebrate March 19 as the Quinquatrus Festival to Athena, who is also California's patron Goddess: please note the Great Seal on your driver's license or food stamps.

And for those of you who still admit birthdays really do happen, here's some for you to ponder. On March 24, 1603, the Unification Act was passed which created the United Kingdom of Great Britain. I wish all of you in our Mother Country, the happiest of birthdays. On March 29, 1867, the British North America Act was passed which created the Kingdom of Canada. Happy Birthday, all our Canadian brothers and sisters— Sure do hope you get gay rights into YOUR Constitution. And let no American ever forget how Canada came to our aid in Iran to rescue our fellow countrymen from the clutches of the fools in the streets of Tehran (which is rumored to translate "Terror-Ran").

There's even a local holiday this month for US to revel in. On March 17, 1964, Sacramento City

College, seat of that noble institution the S.C.C. Gay People's Union, was incorporated into the Los Rios Community College District, thus insuring the advantages of higher educational delights to the glittering Capitol of the Golden Land for ages yet to come.

Yes, my dears, Sacramento does have a sensational saga to sing.

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VALLEY KNIGHTS NEWS

— Ryder Blue Crystall

The site for the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club's first overnight run of 1982 has been changed to the Starlite Resort Motel on the shores of Clear Lake. Members and their guests will depart Saturday morning March 27 for the two-hour ride which will wind through Rumsey Canyon where redbud trees in bloom dot the hillsides, lush from the winter rains.


The Starlite Motel is a gay resort directly on the lake. Accommodations include cabins with kitchens and television, and motel rooms with air conditioning and color cable TV. The restaurant and bar of Sunset Point, another gay resort, are nearby.

The Valley Knights' visit will kick off the summer tourist season at Clear Lake, and when local residents hear that the motorcycle club is in town, news travels fast. Virtually the entire gay population of the area is expected to join the fun before the night is out.

Men who have been isolated all winter in mountain cabins warmed only by their wood burning stoves descend from the hills to release their pent-up energies. In nature's setting, nature's needs are met in a rugged and satisfying manner.

Prices for accommodations for the weekend range from \$22 for a room sleeping two, to \$36 for a cabin sleeping four. The Valley Knights are asking for a deposit of \$5 to secure reservations. For further information, contact the Club's Road Captain, Ron, at 920-3429, or speak to any Valley Knight.

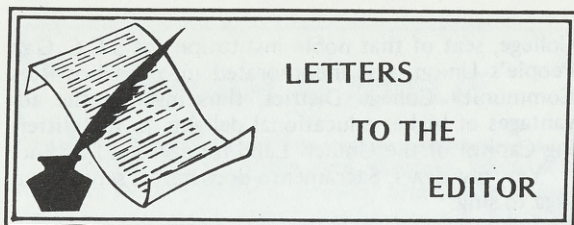
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Dear Editor:

As General Manager of the late "Mountain Mike's Pizza," I myself and my staff would like to take this time to THANK ONE AND ALL of our patrons who have supported our restaurant with not only their purchase, but also their enthusiasm. Also to thank Frank and the Broadway Ltd. for their abundance of support. We really felt like we had a fun place to come to, other than the bars, and also would like to THANK those who came to GAY NIGHT I and II. To those who missed them both, you really missed a good show and a great time.

As for the reason, for our no longer managing Mountain Mike's, it is due to the sale of the business and franchise. My corporation is still interested in opening another business catering to a gay clientele, here in Sacramento. And again we hope to gain all of your support in the new venture.

Thanks again to all, and warmest regards,

— Kevin Cohee

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February 10, 1982

Thomas Vindeed
Commissioner — GSL

Subject: "A Question of Fair Play"

Dear Mr. Vindeed:

In San Francisco in 1973, several sports minded individuals started a gay softball league. When that league was formed, it contained only 8 teams. In the beginning the response was not great by the gay community. To compensate, some of the teams used straight ball players. Unfortunately, after several seasons some teams were almost totally stocked with straight players. To remedy the situation, the Community Softball League (CSL) constituted a new rule. The rule that came into play was called the 80-20%, by which no teams could carry more than 20% straight players.

The rule was by definition very vague. Such a grey area as to allow sponsors and namely coaches to bend the rules to fit their plans. The above mentioned problem also contributed to loss of fan support. It should also be mentioned that without fan support the sponsors will not benefit as well.

To correct the inequities, a new league was formed under the banner — Gay Softball League (GSL). Stated very clearly under the league constitution, all

team members were to be gay. This brings me to the point of this letter. This coming season the Wreck Room Softball Team, under Paul Coke, is moving from the CSL to the GSL. Last year he had four straight players on his CSL team. He has dispensed with three of the four straight players on his CSL team. He has chosen to retain their third baseman, a one Mike J. The three players let go could be considered marginal players at best.

In this case Mike is one of the better players in the league. I am sure the league should look into this matter before the season starts. It would not be fair for the players on the Wreck Room Team to be penalized later in the season because of their coach's oversight.

Although Mr. Coke claims he has assured the League Commission the situation has been changed, many people and myself in our local gay community know this is not the case. In any event, the GSL will have to deal with this problem before the season starts. The bottom line is that the GSL was formed to allow gays to play organized sports. That point cannot be argued!

Yours truly,

— Don Souza

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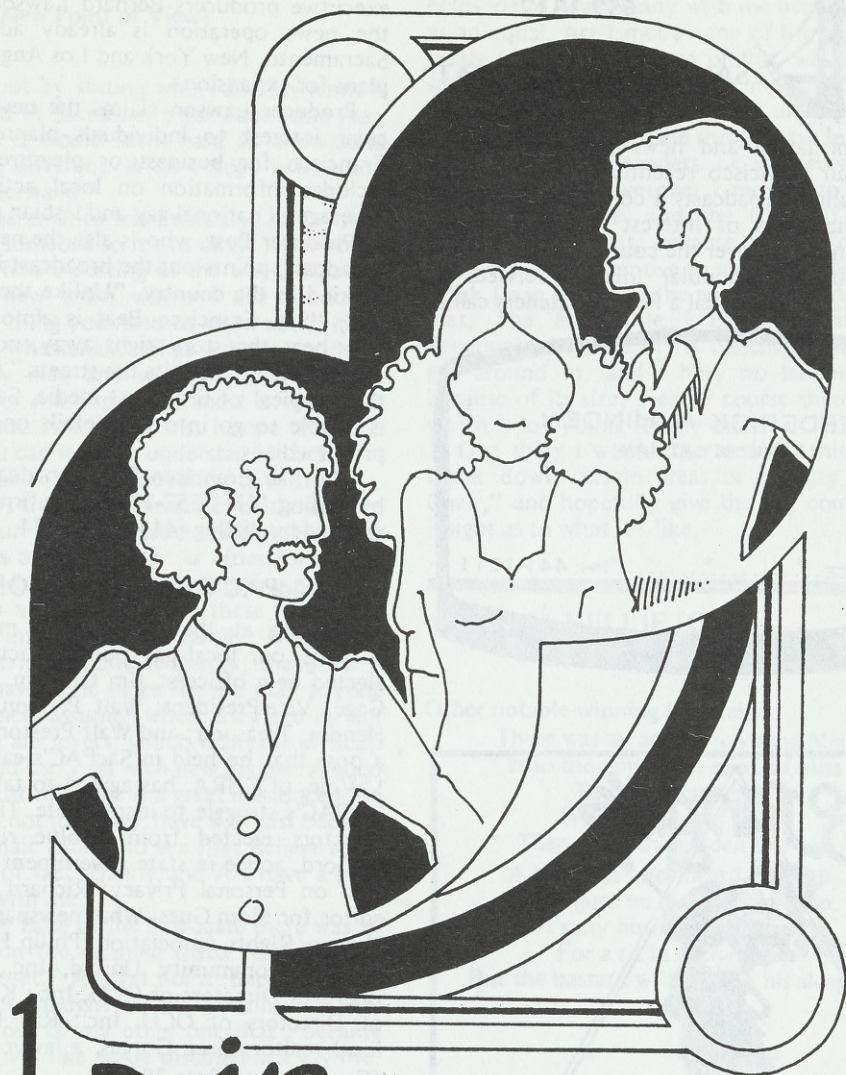
What is the 'Court System'?

In brief, the court system is a social, community service organization. When this system began almost 25 years ago in Portland and originated in San Francisco about 1965, it was strictly for 'camp' fun. From that beginning, we derived our 'camp' titles . . . i.e., Emperor and Empress (those who serve for one year as the co-chairpersons of our organization); Coronation (a gala function held once yearly at which time the local community elects our new officers); etc.

The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire has been in existence for eight years. Most of the major cities in the Western United States and Canada have a court system in their communities. In California alone there are approximately 32 courts extending from Sacramento south to San Diego. So, in essence, we are a chapter of an international organization. Our members attend coronations throughout the United States and Canada representing Sacramento and surrounding communities, therefore, sharing ideas and furthering relations with outside communities. No one associated with our organization personally receives any monetary gain from any money raised at our functions. The money goes directly to a specified charity and back into the community.

What is the purpose?

The purpose of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. is to establish and maintain a charitable
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SAN FRANCISCO BEAT

A new information and news service made its premiere in San Francisco recently. San Francisco Beat, as it is called, broadcasts a concise newscast of information and news of interest to the gay and lesbian communities all over the country.

Fashioned after the popular "dial it" services in New York, (Dial a Joke, Dial a Poem), listeners call a

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local number and hear the latest news. According to executive producers Bernard Lawson and Tom Post, the news operation is already adding bureaus in Sacramento, New York and Los Angeles, with further plans for expansion.

Producer Lawson claims the newscast is of particular interest to individuals planning to visit San Francisco for business or pleasure. Each newscast includes information on local activities as well as coverage of national gay and lesbian news.

Producer Post, who is also the news anchor on the broadcast, points out the broadcast is the only one of its kind in the country. "Unlike the print media," he said, "San Francisco Beat is almost instantaneous. You hear the story right away, not days or weeks after when a paper hits the streets." He acknowledged that, typical of broadcast media, San Francisco Beat is unable to go into the details on a story that the print media is.

The San Francisco Beat broadcast may be heard by dialing (415) 552-1312. The firm's offices may be reached by dialing (415) 621-5694.

SacPAC ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Meeting at the Club 21 in mid-February, the SacPAC, our local gay political action organization, elected new officers: Jim Graham, President; Kathy Gage, Vice-President; Walt Preston, Secretary; Dick Hendra, Treasurer; and Walt Preston as the Historian, a post that he held in SacPAC's early days. Richard LaVoie, of CHRA, has agreed to take up the task of SacPAC's struggle to incorporate. There are to be five directors elected from a blue ribbon list: Ellen McCord, active in state government and the Commission on Personal Privacy; Richard LaVoie, political editor for Mom Guess What newspaper and California Human Rights Association; Philip Hoskins, President of Our Community United, Inc.; Tom Kendrick, Board of Directors of OCU, Inc.; Kathy Gage, Board of Directors of OCU, Inc.; Ray Hargrove, leading local realtor; Greg Gorges, a lawyer for the State of

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IN THE CHAIR

A New Point of View!

Let me start out by stating who I am. My name is Mike. I have lived in Sacramento for about one year. To most of you it would seem hard to understand why my story is different. What I hope is that you read this and understand.

I moved to Sacramento last February. At the time I was living with someone so it was okay. After about two months we had a parting of the ways. This left me alone in a new town where I did not know anyone. The one thing you need to know about me is that I am in a wheelchair. What I hope to do is enlighten the gay men and women of Sacramento what it is like for me. Again, to most of you that might not seem too interesting, but I hope that after you read this you can learn to understand it better. It is not my intention to scold, but rather to inform.

In the ten years that I have been out of the closet I have lived in four different cities. Sacramento has turned out to be one of the better cities for me. In the last year I have met a lot of interesting people. I must say that to a disabled person these friends are sometimes more important than family. I have two very, very good friends. One is Danny, the other is Art. These two have done more for me than anyone else. Most gay men assume, when they see us out together, that we are lovers, which makes it difficult for me to meet and carry on with new people. A good point to bring up at this time is a great misconception that most people, not just gays, have that just because I am in a wheelchair I have no sex life. Believe me, I do. As a matter of fact, Danny and Art have a hard time keeping up with me.

In the February issue of the Advocate there was an excellent article on the disabled titled "Coming Out of the Double Closet." A good point. Because of my upbringing I never thought of my disability. It was not until I came out of my other one that I became aware of what it was like to be disabled in a gay life. Now that it has been almost eleven years since I came out, I can look back and tell how bad or easy it has been.

I'd like to ask the gay men in this town, too, when they have a question, ask, and don't feel that it is dumb or embarrassing. I would rather you ask and find out so you can learn and grow as I have. In a way it's a little like finding what it's like to be into Leather, J/O, or S/M.

One other point I would like to bring up is what it's like for me to meet people. More often than not when I meet a man in a bar the first thing they ask is, have I had too much to drink; most often I have not. I am very grateful to my friends, Danny and Art. I met Danny a year ago, in the building where I live.

We go out together a lot, and have a good time. It helps me to have Danny with me because he treats me as an equal. Art I met at one of the bars, and he also treats me equal. Because of this, when other people see how Danny and Art treat me, they also treat me equal. However, when I go out alone I have a much more difficult time. One thing I have learned is to get to know the bartenders of whatever bar I'm in. Because I live downtown I mostly go to the Wreck Room, Mercantile, and the Club 21. I enjoy the Wreck Room most, because I have found the men there are most attentive to me. I like the 21 because I think Dean is one of the nicest bartenders I have ever met. The Mercantile I do enjoy at times. The Broadway, because of its dancing, is hard for me to get around in, and I have no trouble in the Hut because of its size; then of course there is Bojangles, which is too young for my taste.

One thing I would like to do in this column is to break down certain areas of my gay life "In The Chair," and hopefully give the gay community some insight as to what it's like.

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BUTCH & NELLIE (Cont) . . .

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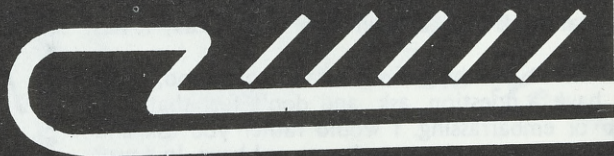
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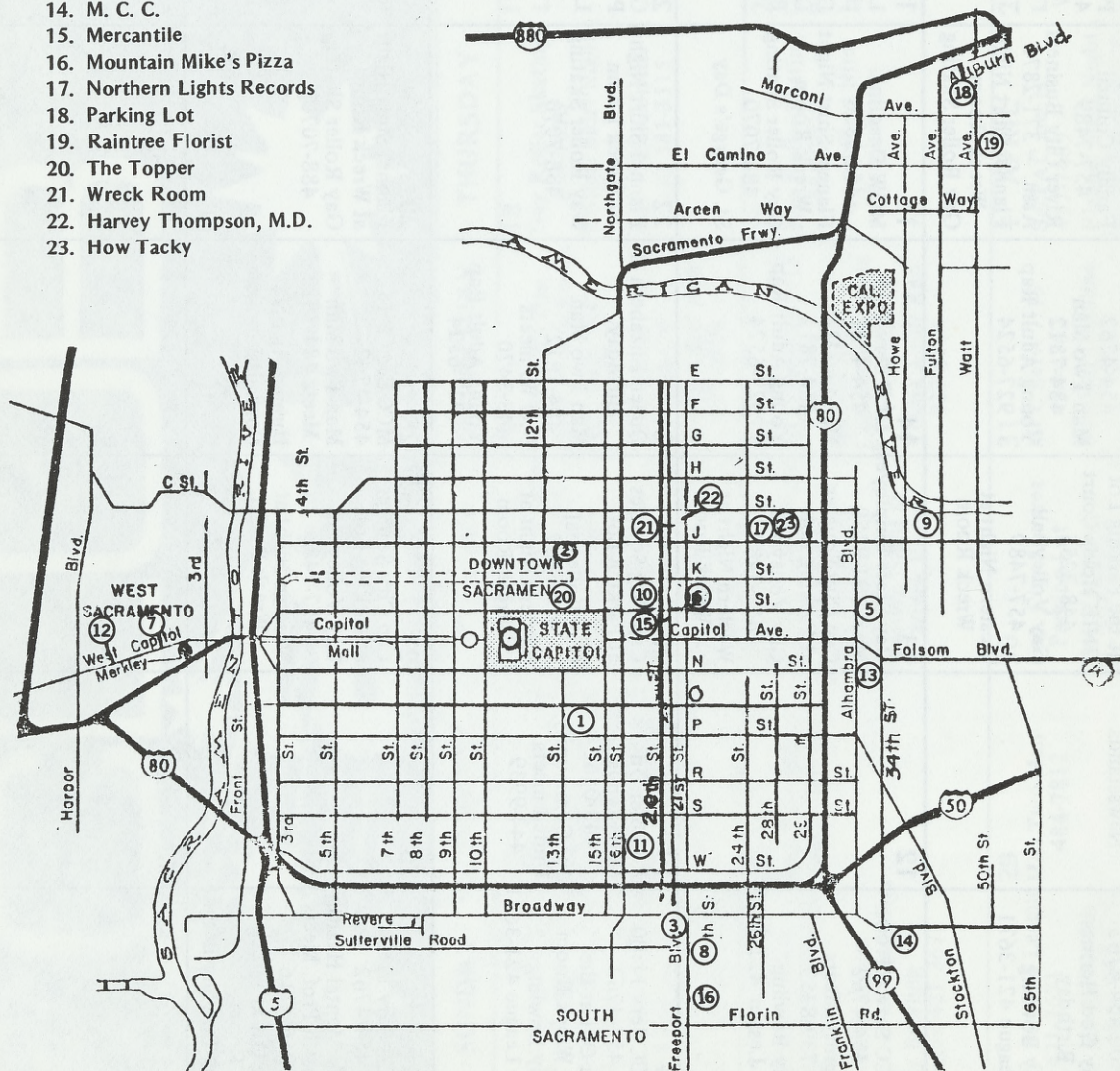
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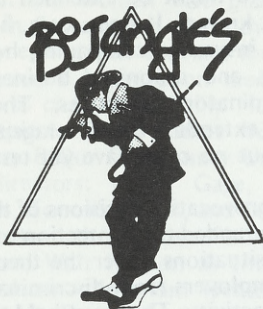
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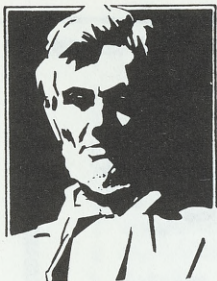
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THE LAW AND YOU

By Philip Hoskins

"COMING OUT – WHAT PROTECTION?"

Having recently moved to Sacramento from Los Angeles, I am struck by the degree to which gays here are reluctant to live openly as gays. Often expressed as reasons for this are the attitude of local residents and that of employers.

The personal costs of living dual lifestyles are well documented and known by all those who are honest with themselves. There is the inner turmoil which results from feeling that there is something to hide—the sense of unworthiness that comes from hiding an essential part of your personality, and the time and attention that it takes to create stories to lend credibility to your claim of "normalcy," that many of us were forced to lead this kind of falsehood because of external realities is unfortunate, but even worse is leading a dual life because of fear based upon ignorance and misinformation.

There is also a tremendous social cost to being closeted. The gay community is robbed of its fullness by the reluctance of its professionals and successful members to be visible and serve as examples and leaders for those not yet achieving that status. While I would agree that this is not owed to anyone, there is a great personal loss when the natural roles people play are removed because of this kind of fear.

In order to provide some reality for those who are concerned with their own honesty, I will discuss some legal precedents which provide wide areas of safety and support for gays.

Initially, there is the most protected employee status of all—the state worker. It is abundantly clear that the current state government has declared itself opposed to discrimination against gays. This is in the form of an executive order signed by Jerry Brown. Fears are expressed that this could all change with a change in administration. The reality, however, is that state Supreme Court decisions in recent years have clearly established the principle that the state government cannot discriminate against gays in its employment practices nor its services or programs. This is based upon constitutional principles, not legislation and is as firm a principle as any protection afforded any other minority.

Next, any employer, such as Pacific Telephone or other state regulated utilities, may not discriminate

against gays because of the Equal Protection clause of the state constitution and the Unruh Civil Rights act. How far this coverage might be extended to other employees is not yet known. It does seem, however, that banks, airlines, insurance companies, hospitals, professional societies and unionized businesses are barred from discriminatory practices. There are strong arguments for extending this coverage to other employees as well, but no cases have yet tested this ground.

One of the most provocative decisions of the state Supreme Court has extended the protection of law to gays in employment situations under the theory that state law prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of political activity. The court held that gay liberation is much like civil rights activity and hence is protected. Paradoxically, this would seem to require that the employee be openly gay before he or she can use this protection.

The existence of these protections does not in itself, of course, solve all the problems. There can still be situations where the employer wants to test the issue or simply disregard the law or attempt to hide its discrimination. Some may choose to avoid the risks because of this. It will be unfortunate if that is so, because we are truly interdependent and the progress of each of us works for the benefit of all of us.

Next month I will discuss some of the other protections gays have in relation to housing and business services. We shall also look to the work of the Commission on Personal Privacy to see what their perspective on gay rights is and how it can help each of us live more complete, fulfilling lives.

SacPAC ELECTS (Cont) . . .

California; Carol, Kathy's other half; and Pat, Ellen's other half.

In an exclusive interview for the Rambler, President Graham said his most thrilling moment came when Dave Shore won election to the City Council with the help of SacPAC. Mr. Shore told President Graham it was the SacPAC's help which insured his victory at the polls. Mr. Graham also noted that Assemblyman Walter, now up for re-election, is actively courting the gay vote.

Yes, folks, SacPAC has indeed come of age. It is now making itself felt in local government.

If you want to get involved in a dynamic organization, call 457-7489 or write SacPAC, Post Office Box 161694, Sacramento, CA 95816.

POSSIBILITY OF A GAY COMMUNITY CENTER MOVES CLOSER TO REALITY

There's a new group in town, folks. Our Community United, Inc. is an organization of local
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COMMUNITY CENTER (Cont) . . .

gay men and women who plan to build a culture center in Sacramento where the gay community can proudly exhibit the arts and the growing gay theater. This group's organization meeting in late January, 1982 was chaired by Philip Hoskins, a newcomer to the Capitol. Philip comes from Los Angeles. On February 8 Our Community United, Inc. chose their first directors: Kathy Gage, Jim Graham, Philip Hoskins, Tom Kendrick, and Tom Walters. The board of directors then chose Philip Hoskins as Interim President, Walt Preston as Interim Secretary, and Jim Graham as Interim Treasurer. The board is now planning its first two projects: a Community Leadership Conference in March to be attended by the presidents of the area's gay organizations; and a community wide conference for late April, which will determine the major direction for the Community Center to move. Interested people may write Our Community United, Inc., P.O. Box 161784, Sacramento, CA 95816, or call 444-9939.



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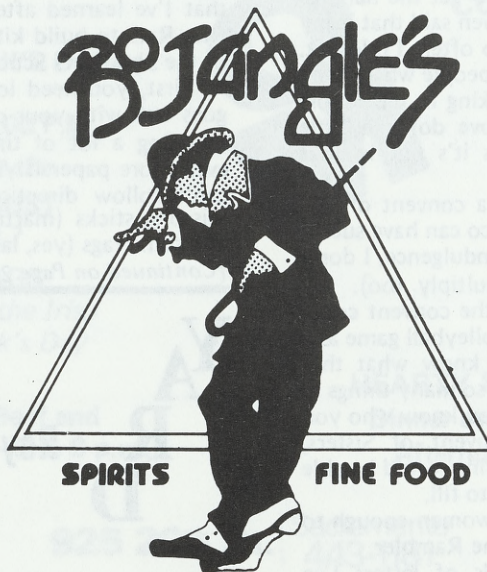


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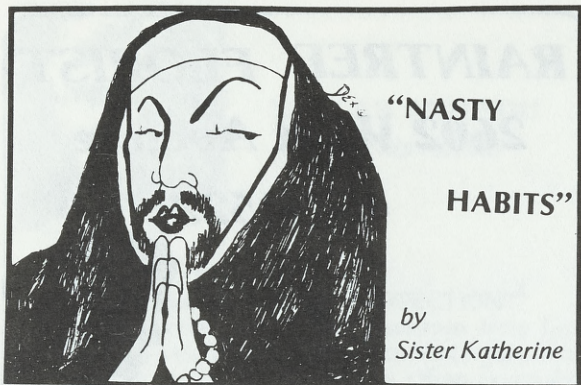
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Since I've been getting around quite a bit lately, people have been asking me how one becomes a Charitable Sister of Izod (CSI). I am thrilled to the ends of my convent-issue step-ins that there are people out there that are willing to give up so much for such a small but meaningful alligator.

Of course, life as a CSI centers around the vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience. Personally, I have no problem with the last two. As a Civil Servant outside the convent, my salary is certainly at poverty level. By the end of the month, I usually have to whip out my "101 recipes for using old bread" cookbook, and the laundry gets put off. I know poverty! As for obedience, well, ask any of the butch men in the Wreck Room. . . .

Now chastity is the most difficult vow to accept. I have worked for 28 years trying to get the hang of chastity. Some of my Sisters have even said that if my virginity wasn't screwed in every so often, I'd lose it.

I always say you have to accept people where they are, and if they are at the baths taking in the vapors and PAC-MAN, then I'm not above doing a little missionary work there (as long as it's not in that uncomfortable position).

Seriously, I would like to see a convent of CSI nuns in Sacramento. If San Francisco can have such a large order of Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, I don't see why we can't be Fruitful (and multiply, too).

Someone suggested to me that the convent could challenge the Valley Knights to a volleyball game as a benefit for O.C.U. (if you don't know what that means, ask Phil Hoskins). There are so many things in Sacramento that need doing (and you know who you are), I'm sure that a strong convent of Sisters, dedicated to laughing, loving and living would be able to boost morale and find some hole to fill.

So, if you think you're man or woman enough to become a CSI, write to me care of the Rambler.

I'll share two of the thousands of letters I've received since my first column:

Dear Sister Katherine:

My lover is a gourmet cook and a popper freak. I'd like to surprise him for his birthday with breakfast in bed. Do you know any breakfast recipies using poppers?

— John B.

Dear John:

I suggest you write Pillsbury (why do you think the Doughboy is always giggling?).

Dear Sister K:

I have been dating the most marvelous woman. She bowls, skis, rides a horse and is a good tennis player. We've gone out a few times, but we haven't gone to bed together. I'd like to ask her to stay the night and have her here for breakfast the next morning. Should I?

— Rita

Dear Rita:

Of course, but eat a nutritious meal first. If she's as active as you say, you'll need your strength.

Isn't it amazing how many of you are worrying about breakfast . . .

— Sr. Katherine

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GO FLY A KITE!

by Sister Katherine

March is here with its blustery sunny afternoons. March is thought of as the windy month (tell me: I've heard you girls blah-blah-blah at the 21 Club, Bojangles, the Broadway, etc.) and what better time to go fly a kite than on a sunny, windy day? I thought that I'd share some insights on kite building that I've learned after 12 years of teaching Catholic Rug Rats to build kits in physics classes at Our Lady of the Shoulders School.

First, you need lots of paper in some color that goes well with your outfit or eyes (since you will be spending a lot of time with this kite). You'll need even more paper if you are not a good cutter or you can't follow directions well. You also need glue, scissors, sticks (martini stirrers will NOT do), string, and some rags (yes, last year's Lacoste WILL do).

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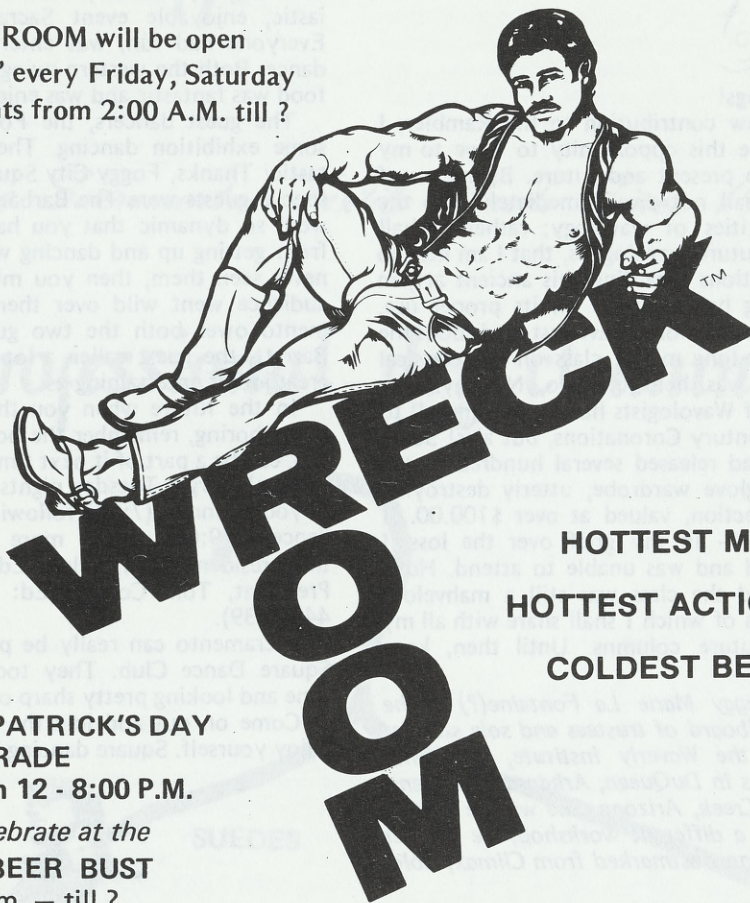
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PEGGY MARIE

LA FONTAINE

Hello there, dahlings!

As a brand new contribution to the Rambler, I would like to take this opportunity to wave to my dear readers, both present and future. By means of introduction, I shall not dive immediately into the intricate complexities of wavology; rather I shall inform you, my future wavologists, that I am here to answer your questions regarding this ancient art, in addition to giving helpful hints on its proper use, development and execution. I have just read about the stimulating month-long master class on neo-classical wavology which was held in Oslo, Norway. The American Guild of Wavologists had invited myself to speak on 14th Century Coronations, but alas! Some dreadful vandal had released several hundred moths into my formal glove wardrobe, utterly destroying my fabulous collection, valued at over \$100.00. (I was not amused) — In my grief over the loss, I became indisposed and was unable to attend. However, I understand the class was still a mahvelous success, the results of which I shall share with all my readers in the future columns. Until then, keep waving!!

Editor's Note: Peggy Marie La Fontaine(?) is the founder/president/board of trustees and sole student and graduate of the Waverly Institute, which has extension institutes in DuQueen, Arkansas — Queens, N.Y., and Queen Creek, Arizona. She will be writing each month from a different workshop; we see her introductory column postmarked from Climax, Colorado.

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THE CAPITOL CITY SQUARES FIRST GAY SQUARE DANCE HOE-DOWN

If you think Sundays in Sacramento are boring, then you didn't attend the hoe-down at the Parking Lot Sunday, February 21st. It was the most enthusiastic, enjoyable event Sacramento has ever had. Everyone had fun, was entertained and learned to dance. Both the western swing and square dance. The food was fantastic and was enjoyed by one and all.

The guest dancers, the Foggy City Squares, did some exhibition dancing. They were, as usual, fantastic! Thanks, Foggy City Squares. Also appearing as special guests were The Barbara Coast Cloggers. They were so dynamic that you had to restrain yourself from getting up and dancing with them. If you have never seen them, then you missed a real treat. The audience went wild over them. I think that Sacramento owes both the two guest dancers and Skip Barrett, the guest caller, a lot of thanks. They did a great job of entertaining us.

In the future when you think of Sacramento as being boring, remember the hoe-down and that you, too, can be a part of it next time.

Don't forget Tuesday nights at the Parking Lot for all you beginners (7:00), following the advanced square dancers (9:00). For more information contact the president of the club, Ed Chaney, or the Vice President, Tom Corbin (Ed: 786-2708, and Tom: 444-9939).

Sacramento can really be proud of its First Gay Square Dance Club. They too were having a good time and looking pretty sharp out there.

Come on out and join the fun, make friends and enjoy yourself. Square dancing is fun for everyone.

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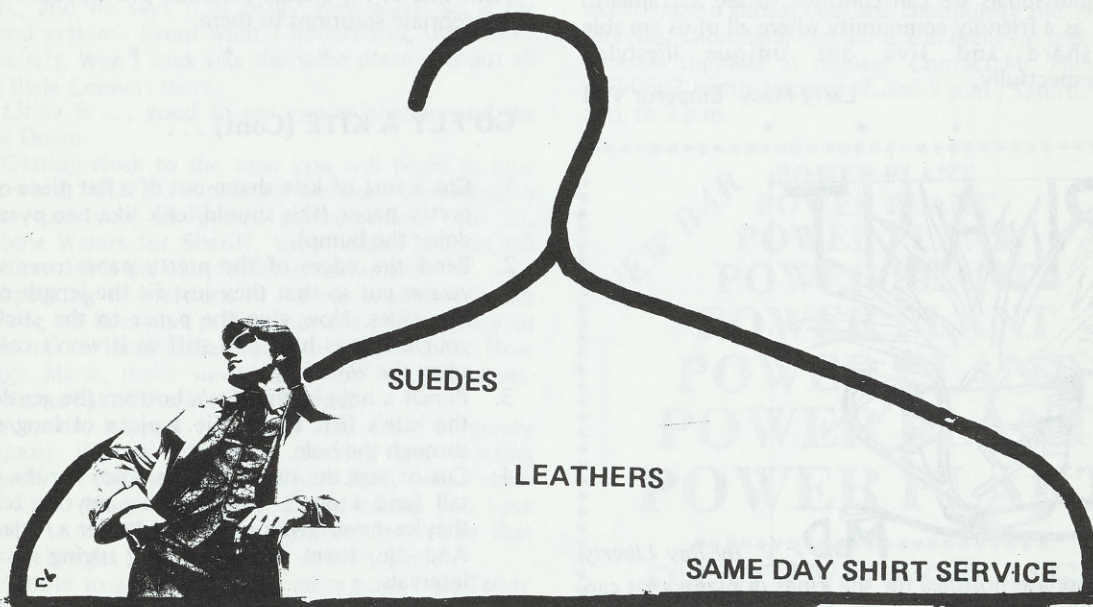
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What about in town?

GNIE is a non-profit civic/social organization designed to serve, support, and involve the community of Sacramento and surrounding counties. By serving the gay community, we as an organization must remain aware of community needs and sponsor functions that answer those needs. The Emperor and Empress are community elected Co-Chairpersons and act as the official Host and Hostess for our community.

It is the responsibility of our members to attend and actively support functions within the community along with sharing vital information for the benefit of all persons in our community. The Emperor and Empress are to create a supportive group of people through participation; and involve us with a unified purpose in achieving common goals. By promoting communication and cooperation among all groups and individuals we can continue to see Sacramento grow as a friendly community where all of us are able to share and live our unique lifestyles.

Respectfully,

— Larry Macy Emperor VIII

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By Ray Liberty

There are no rules for the kinds of plants that can be used to decorate a home. The selection is largely a matter of personal taste, but certain guidelines can prove useful.

First of all, it is obviously sensible to select plants that suit normal home conditions rather than try to make either the plants or the home satisfy difficult requirements. Second, chose a healthy plant. Is the color good? Does it have a pleasing shape? Is the leaf size consistent? Does it show any new growth? If the answer to all these questions is Yes, your choice is

probably a good one. (Also check to see if the plant is rootbound, i.e., if roots are peeking through the drainage hole, choose another.) Choose a plant the size you want it. If you want a large house plant, don't buy a smaller version and wait for it to grow. It could take years and a larger plant is better established and more able to adopt to a new environment more readily.

Now you have the plant at home, remember plants are an interactive system. They take what they need from around them and then produce new growth. The more they are growing, the more they take in fertilizer, moisture, and energy (in the form of light). When they are not growing they need less of these factors. Remember, too much of a good thing is not good. If you keep watering at the same rate, when the plants go into their resting period, they will simply not be able to absorb what is, for this stage of growth, a lot of extra moisture. So thus the water collects, souring the soil, and the plant dies. That is why it's impossible to give exact measurements of watering. It's also why the more plants you grow, the healthier they will be, because as you grow the plants, by trial and error, you grow in experience as well. Next month I'll discuss common plant problems and appropriate solutions to them.

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GO FLY A KITE (Cont) ...

1. Cut a sort of kite shape out of a flat piece of the pretty paper (this should look like two pyramids doing the bump).
2. Bend the edges of the pretty paper over sticks you've cut so that they just fit the length of the kite sides. Now glue the paper to the sticks so your kite gets hard and stiff so it won't collapse when the wind blows it.
3. Punch a hole in the kite's bottom (be gentle; it's the kite's first time). Tie a piece of long string through the hole.
4. Cut or tear the rag into little strips for the kite's tail (and I don't want to hear anyone tell me they've never given up a Lacoste for a little tail). And tie them into the long string at even intervals.
5. Tie one end of a ball of string to your kite at several places that please you aesthetically (macrame comes in handy, here).
6. Name your kite. This has been an intimate process and you have every right to expect some friendship from your kite.

Now you are ready to fly your little pride and joy. Find a nice, open field with no power poles, hold your kite up in the air, and run, and run, and run, and run ...

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TID BITS (Continued from Page 6)

forgot her basic survival kit which is of course knee pads and a tooth brush? You got it! Big Sis K. Actually Sister was waiting in line for "Leather Space" to open at the Wreck Room. Earl Grist decided Sacto needed a shop similar to those in San Francisco and Houston, etc., for leather toys and things and stuff. Greeting cards for all occasions like the ones advertised in Honcho and Mandate. I certainly do not mean Hallmark! However, quite appropriate to send to those you care enough to send the very best. Many custom leather items, pixs by Dexter Smith and many other surprises. Dexter is also designing the space. Yes, Peggy Marie ... I'm sure Earl can whip you up a pair of basic evening gloves with studs.

You know how after a period of time when you are around a person long enough everyone says you start to look alike. Well, how about sound alike? Listen to Danny of the Broadway Ltd. some time. Little Frank. Danny did mention to me that the Broadway is starting something new and exciting. All new taped music on Friday and Saturdays after 10:00 p.m., and he says it is really very good. So is the sound system. From what I understand, the clowns have left. Won't look like the same place without all the little Emmets there.

Linda B ... good to see you at bowling and the Hoe Down.

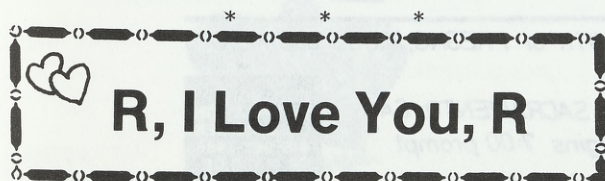
Getting close to the time you will begin to hear the word "VOTE" — primary elections coming up in June and you all should perhaps check out Lt. Robbie Waters for Sheriff. Very reliable sources tell me that this is the man for us in Sacramento.

Speaking of elections ... seems a select few are putting on hats and pulling out the gloves to try to head up a local social caboose organization. Now Peggy Marie, make sure you check out the waves. Perhaps a list of the Ten Best Waves?

Anyone happen to notice the new burgundy chapeau Rachael has been wearing and sporting proudly at the usual festive Pisces Party held February 28th. Now Rachael ... I understand you have shorts to match the hat. Bubbles! Is it true that Rachael might have a new beer delivery person?

A note to a few— "What's more passe than Teddy Bears a la hip pocket?" — Headbands, Precious! Headbands! See you in print.

— rhulah



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Coronation 1982 represents the culmination of Emperor VIII Larry Macy's and Empress VIII, Jinger Jerome's year as the official "Host and Hostess" of Sacramento. The evening's end will spotlight the crowning of Sacramento's newly elected monarchs. Those interested in qualifications for candidacy will find application information at our local bars. Voting for your candidate will take place during the day of Saturday, April 17th. Watch posters and publications for location.

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DAVE SHORE ADDRESSES THE RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Speaking to a crowded dining room at the Incredible Edible, Dave Shore, who was the guest of the River City Business Association at their January 11, 1982 general membership meeting, gave his reactions to his first months as a member of the Sacramento City Council. He said he felt his election victory was due primarily to the fact his campaign got out the most volunteers. This was due, in large part, to the efforts of the SacPAC. Mr. Shore then publicly thanked Ray Hargrove of SacPAC for his personal efforts in the recent City Council campaign.

In answering a question by Steve Schwichow founding Chairman of SacPAC, and recently elected Board Member of RCBA, Councilman Shore explained how citizens could place items on the agenda of the City Council.

Mr. Shore feels that the council, with one — possibly two — exceptions, is very open to humanitarian ideas. He feels that we can make a big impression and have a favorable impact in this area of government.

On the subject of his present plan or program, Councilman Shore stated he plans to support preferential parking in Alkali Flats, and also to introduce legislation which will limit the cost of running for city office. He cited the example of his own campaign which cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000 for a job paying \$500 a month. "One thing which must be guarded against is setting up a system which favors the incumbent," he explained.

The Councilman plans to keep close ties to the public; and will speak to RCBA again in six months or a year to tell of his changes in thought after some time in office.

All in all, Mr. Shore's address was very well received.

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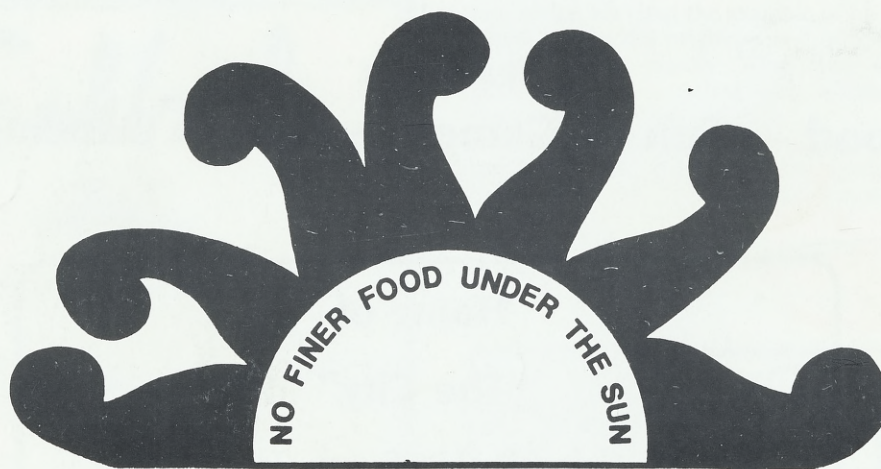
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